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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EG IS  
SUBJ: MINWAR GAMASY INTERVIEW

1. IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW COMMEMORATING OCTOBER WAR  
(ACCORDING ISLAMIC CALENDER,, RAMADAN 10 ANNIVERSARY OF WAR,  
OCCURRED ON AUGUST 24 THIS YEAR), MINWAR GAMASY  
STATED THAT 1973 FIGHTING HAD ALTERED REGIONAL MILITARY  
BALANCE AND IT NO LONGER EASY MATTER FOR ISRAEL TO  
INITIATE ANOTHER CONFLICT. ISRAEL, HE SAID, NOW MUST  
CAREFULLY WEIGH COSTS OF ANY MILITARY MOVES.

2. GAMASY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS  
WOULD PROVE SUCCESSFUL, BUT WARNED THAT IF THEY FAIL  
EGYPTIAN MILITARY CAN "REALIZE ALL OF THE ASPIRATIONS  
OF OUR PEOPLE."

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3. MINISTER NOTED EGYPT'S SUCCESS IN CLOSING STRAITS  
OB BAB AL MANDEB TO ISRAELI SHIPPING DURING 1973 CON-  
FLICT, CLAIMING THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT SECURE BORDERS  
ARE "MYTHICAL NOTION". HE DECLARED SHARM AL-SHEIKH  
OF NO STRATEGIC VALUE TO ISRAEL.

4. GAMASY CALLED UPON ARAB NATIONS TO CONFRONT CURRENT ISRAELI EFFORTS INFILTRATE AFRICA AND SAID ARABS MUST MAKE RED SEA "LAKE OF PEACE". REMAINDER GAMASY'S INTERVIEW LENGTHY EXEGESIS ON BRAVERY OF EGYPTIAN SOLDIER AND INEVITABILITY 1973 WAR GIVEN LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

5. CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. GAHMY ADDRESSED TROUPS IN SEPARATE MESSAGE ON SAME OCCASION. HE SAID LITTLE OF NOTE, BEYOND ASSERTION THAT EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES IN "HIGHEST DEGREE OF PREPAREDNESS AND ALWAYS READY FULFILL COMBAT TASKS."

6. COMMENT: GIVEN EMOTIVE NATURE OF OCCASION, PRESENTATIONS RELATIVELY MODERATE AND NON-INFLAMMATORY. NOTABLE THAT GAMASSY DID NOT REFER TO RECENT ISRAELI PROVOCATIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND STRESSED DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. RENEWED FIGHTING OFFERED AS LAST RESORT. PRESS REPORTED GAMASY INTERVIEW PROMINENTLY BUT WITHOUT COMMENT. IT WAS NOT LEAD ITEM IN ANY PAPER.  
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